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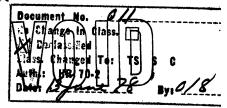
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- Under the Nguyen Phan Long Government, the Tonkinese and the Annamese were under the impression that they were being governed by the Cochinchinese. This impression has been strengthened with the establishment of the new government under Tran Van Huu, long regarded as a support of Cochinchinese autonomy, and will have a serious effect on the success of his government unless he gains the support of prominent nationalist leaders from Tonkin and Annam.
- The pro-French feelings of Tran Van Huu are well known while Nguyen Phan Long was regarded as "Washington's man". The French High Commissioner, Leon Pignon, hastened to point out that France had exerted no pressure on Bao Dai to make him choose pro-French collaborators, but had only influenced him to form a government capable of taking a firm grasp on the arms entrusted to him at the height of the battle.
- Some mute irritation on the part of the French in Saigon continues to persist. This has been caused by certain "formulae" which continually spout from the United States such as "stablization of the Indochinese situation on the basis of virtual independence," "a political and a military situation," etc., etc. It is now evident that the war in Indochina is not so "cold" and that "total diplomacy" is not enough to settle it.

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